

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-140 were pending in the above-identified patent application. Of those, claims 15-20, 41-46 and 67-72 had been withdrawn from consideration in view of applicants' December 18, 2003 reply to the Examiner's July 2, 2003 restriction requirement, and claims 21-26, 47-52, 73-79, 94-99, 114-119 and 134-140 had been withdrawn from consideration in view of applicants' May 24, 2004 reply to the Examiner's February 18, 2004 restriction requirement.

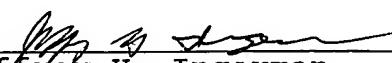
The Examiner has allowed the elected claims -- i.e., claims 1-14, 27-40, 53-66, 80-93, 100-113 and 120-133, and has required cancellation of the non-elected claims.

Applicants' Reply

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-14, 27-40, 53-66, 80-93, 100-113 and 120-133. Applicants have cancelled claims 15-26, 41-52, 67-79, 94-99, 114-119 and 134-140 without prejudice. Applicants hereby expressly reserve the right to pursue claims 15-26, 41-52, 67-79, 94-99, 114-119 and 134-140 in one or more continuing applications.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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